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1. Coordination of collection activities abroad. (NSCID-2)

NSCID-2 provides that "the senior US representative in each foreign area where the US maintains a foreign post shall be responsible for the coordination of all normal collection activities in his area." In time of war, this provision would presumably make a theater commander superior to an ambassador in the field of coordinating intelligence collection activities. In a relatively inactive theater, this arrangement probably would not be desirable. The Department might therefore consider negotiating an understanding with Defense to prevent such a result. CIA already has an agreement with the JCS concerning clandestine activities in time of war.

2. Basic intelligence. (NSCID-3)

Priorities in the present National Intelligence Survey (NIS) program would clearly have to be revised in the event of an attack on the US. Drafting of such emergency priorities now, however, could be done only in consultation with the JCS as well as CIA. Decisions will be required on the part of all agencies involved concerning the extent to which NIS staffs and files could be evacuated to emergency locations.

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3. Interagency intelligence support. (NSCID-3)

NSCID-3, paragraph 1c, states that "any intelligence agency ... may call upon other appropriate agencies for intelligence which does not fall within its own field of dominant interest ..."

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In an emergency, interagency communications will presumably be more or less deficient. The cross-detailing of intelligence officers might therefore be the only practicable way of carrying out this directive. R is now considering the advisability of inviting each of the military intelligence agencies to detail an officer to R during a future evacuation exercise.

4. Future of the IAC Watch Committee and the National Indications Center. (DCID-1/2)

In time of war, the remaining functions of the Watch Committee and the National Indications Center would presumably be taken over by the JCS. At a later stage in emergency planning this subject might be raised with the other agencies concerned.

5. Production of National Intelligence Estimates. DCID-3/5)

Paragraph 4 of DCID-3/5 provides that any of the normal preliminary stages in the preparation of NIE's "may be omitted under exceptional or unusually urgent circumstances." No amendment of this directive is therefore necessary to cover emergency conditions. OIR may, however, find it desirable in an emergency to detail qualified personnel to CIA's Office of National Estimates to assist in the drafting of estimates for submission to the IAC. Final disposition of this problem would require consultation with all of the IAC agencies.

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